

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/600,540	SHAATH ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 12/5/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 36-66.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Caroline J. Swindell on February 13,2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification, page14, replace the third paragraph with the following paragraph:

Referring to Fig. 5, a flow diagram of a method of storing data in a storage medium forming part of a system such as that of Fig. 3 is shown. An application in execution on the system seeks to store a data file on a storage medium within the file system layer of the system. A request and data for storage within the file is transmitted from the application layer to the file system layer. The request includes an operation and data relating to a destination storage medium on which to store the data. The trap layer intercepts the request and the data and determines whether the storage medium selected supports the operation. The trap layer is a transparent trap layer, which intercepts requests transparently to the user and transparently to a computer application invoking the requests. When the storage medium supports the operation, the request and the data is passed on to the file system layer. When necessary, the request is modified prior to provision to the file system layer. In the file system layer the operation is conducted according to normal file system layer procedures. When the storage medium does not support the operation in its original or a modified form, the trap layer returns an indication of this to the application layer. The operation and the data are not passed onto the file system layer. This provides additional access privilege functionality.

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In the Claims

Cancel claims 67-70.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hiep T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4197. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Sparks can be reached on (571) 272-4201. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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